



Patrick Wilson <patrick.wilson@pilotonline.com>

RE: FOIA request - Bar Task Force

Duke, Frank <Frank.Duke@norfolk.gov>

Thu, Dec 6, 2012 at 8:47 AM

To: Patrick Wilson <patrick.wilson@pilotonline.com>

Cc: "Crouch, Lori" <Lori.Crouch@norfolk.gov>, "Keough, Mary" <Mary.Keough@norfolk.gov>

I have only received one report in the time period that you indicated; the text of that report is shown below. I only have citations on one of the addresses referenced (3521 East Virginia Beach Boulevard). Other departments (Police, Fire) may have issued citations, but I do not have those.

There is not charge for this information.

From: Hall, Cynthia

Sent: Monday, August 27, 2012 4:42 PM

To: Pishko, Bernard; Jones, Marcus; Fraim, Paul

Cc: Goldsmith, Michael G.; Wise, Jeff; Duke, Frank

Subject: Bar task Force Inspections

The bar task force conducted inspections on August 25, 2012. The following was observed:

1. Queen's Goods, 3521 E. Virginia Beach Blvd.--the BTF got to this location at 9:15 pm on 8-25. The owner of the store has been allowing promoters to stage events in the warehouse portion behind the store. The owner of the store is in court for illegal change of use so we went by to do a reinspection. There was an employee in the store area. Second hand items were for sale but no permit had been issued. We also found what appeared to be counterfeit sneakers for sale. Some of the fire code violations from the prior visit had not been corrected. The promoter was not on site at this time. We will follow up on these violations.

2. Pizzeria Uno, 5718 E. Virginia Beach Blvd.--there was an event on 8-17 where

over 400 persons were drinking and partying in the outside dining area and parking lot and police had to shut it down. The BTF got to this location around 10:15 pm on 8-25. There were not many patrons inside but there were about 100 persons in the outside dining area. There was a stage constructed outside where a band and singers were performing. This location has a special exception which does not show where the entertainment has to occur. The manager apologized for the recent event that got out of control and said that he has now hired security to keep count and maintain order. He also said he will do whatever the city recommends to stay in compliance. We told him we would arrange a meeting to discuss the proper protocols with him.

3. The District Apartments at ODU, 1037 W. 39th Street---this location has had issues in the past but took steps to correct the issues. The BTF got to this location at 11:00 pm on 8-25. There was a check in table at the front door manned by a security guard. There were ten security guards on duty. We inspected each floor and found no illegal events. There were some fire exit signs missing which we will follow up on. We were told that ODU police have primary responsibility over this location now. We will continue to periodically check this location.
4. 1517 W. 42nd Street--- ODU police and ABC requested our assistance on some nip joint houses near ODU. We got to this location at 12:15 am on 8-26. There were hundreds of persons on 42nd Street. One student said that 42nd street was known as "Norfolk's Bourbon Street". This address is a single family residence rented to ODU students. ODU police indicated that they had warned the tenants to stop having events at this address. When we arrived there was a line of persons waiting to get through the gate to the back yard. There were others waiting to get into the house. The guy at the gate said it cost \$5 to get in. They were marking the hands of persons entering. There were over 300 persons in the yard and house. The detached garage had been converted into the "Rave Cave" with a DJ and speakers. There were open liquor bottles and beer cans strewn all over the ground. A beer pong table was set up. Many of the persons were noticeably drunk. Inside were numerous couples in bedrooms engaged in various activities. Egress from the house was blocked by sofa cushions propped in the hallway to control traffic flow. There

were many electrical issues inside as well as extensions cords run through the windows to power the sound equipment outside. The tenants admitted that they charged admission and allowed underage drinking. All the tenants had been drinking and were themselves underage. Summons were issued to the tenants for maintaining a disorderly house, illegal change of use, failure to keep property clean, and accumulation of solid waste. The gatekeeper was charged with disorderly house. Another underage person was charged by ABC with possessing prescription drugs with intent to distribute. Due to all the issues the location was placarded by the fire marshal as unsafe. Upon further investigation, it appears that this location is known as "The Cookie Palace", and has been "passed down" like an inheritance to new frat students from [REDACTED]. This fraternity has advertised gambling night and drink fests at this location, as well as other events to be held at The District Apartment's pool.

5. 1519 W. 42nd Street---ODU police and NPD indicated that this location was also a problem. While we were tied up addressing the above property 20-30 persons left this location. There were a few persons left in the rear yard when we got there at 2:00 am on 8-26. We spoke to the tenant who said he was an ODU student and who admitted he had events open to anyone. We gave him a citation notifying him it was illegal to change the use of a residence to a place of public assembly. He was very cooperative and said it would not happen again.
6. 1530 W. 42nd Street---this location was across the street from the two locations above. We could see there were persons in the rear yard so when we got free we went over there at 2:15 am on 8-26. The tenants admitted they stage "rent parties" where they charge admission and have music and dancing so that they make money to pay the rent. Two tenants were ODU students and one was a military reservist. There were beer cans and beer cases stacked up in the front yard. In the rear yard was a beer pong table and a boxing ring. In the back portion of the house was a rave room for dancing with a few bar stools around the room. There were multiple beer kegs in the kitchen. There was no other furniture in the common areas. To block access from the rave room to the bedrooms sofa cushions were stacked almost to the ceiling as a traffic

control device in the hallway. The tenants admitted they used the common areas downstairs for the sole purpose of staging events. In one tenant's room we found an AK 47 assault weapon and a 9mm both loaded, as well as shot gun shells. The guns came back registered to the tenant who indicated he was a hunter. We could smell marijuana which the tenant indicated he smoked frequently but had just finished his supply. No marijuana was found. The tenants were cooperative and indicated that the events would not happen again and that the place would be cleaned up immediately. They were issued citations for illegal change of use, obstructed exitway, accumulation of waste, possession of fireworks, and maintaining a disorderly house.

We will follow up with ODU police and the landlords regarding the nip joints. The BTF completed its inspections at 3:30 am on 8-26. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.